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For:	DECK ASSEMBLY FOR A SELF-PROPELLED, WALK-BEHIND ROTAR			
	LAWN MOWER		(

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The present application is a divisional patent application of Serial No. 10/109,804 filed on March 28, 2002.

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on the page entitled "Amendments to the Specification."

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."